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EDITORIAL.

THE fact that Middlebury College has entered upon a new era has been shown in a practical way during the past few months. The new library was the first embodiment of this idea, and was closely followed by a revival of alumni interest and enthusiasm, as shown in the recent alumni banquets, and culminating in the gift for the new Warner Science Hall.

Middlebury enthusiasm seems to be in the air and augurs well for the coming Centennial celebration. The Alumni Associations have taken hold of the work with spirit, and further additions to funds for buildings or equipment are looked for with expectancy. Probably one or two associations will soon be formed or revived in the western states.

Indications point to a large entering class next fall, and in every way the conclusion is forced upon one, that Middlebury College is just entering upon a most brilliant future.

WITH this issue the present administration lays down the editorial pen and THE UNDERGRADUATE passes into new hands. The last time one does an accustomed act is necessarily with regret; it is so in this case, although brightened by the thought of better things. THE UNDERGRADUATE has had an eventful career. It has had its ups and downs, but it is certainly not now in the latter situation. When it came into the hands of the present board it was with a heavy debt and with its finances in chaotic condition. Today the paper owes no one and the finances are on a business like basis with a surplus on hand.

Of the content and literary standard of the paper it is not for us to say. We are as conscious of its defects as anyone. It can only be urged that the ideal has been high and we have striven to approach it as near as time and ability allowed, and considering the fact that three-quarters of the work must be always done by the chief.

If we have any advice to give our successors, it is this: If anything is desired from students or faculty make it known two weeks in advance, and then, if you especially desire it, write it yourself. Everybody about the college is busy except the editor. In this connection, however, we would express our thanks to several members of the faculty for their interest and promptness in furnishing material and facts desired. We would especially thank Professor Wright for his kindly interest and helpful suggestions. To those of the student body we would say that criticism can be set up on very limited capital. If the college paper is not carried on as it should be the remedy is all yours Just put your shoulder to the wheel and help make it right. That is the only manly and honorable thing to do, and in doing so two things will be gained: first a practical training of your own powers, and secondly the knowledge that doing a thing and seeing it done are two different things.

From a financial and literary point of view there is a bright future before the THE UNDERGRADUATE. With the opportunity and interest of the Centennial year there is no reason why it cannot be greatly improved and enlarged and still be maintained on a paying basis. If the past year has contributed in any way to that achievement, it is a sufficient reward.

LITERARY.

AD ALMAM MATREM.

Ave mater, laude digna,
Quam praeclara, quam benigna,
  Omnes te concelebrant;
In decoribus laetantem,
Super saeclum triumphantem,
  Sempiternum collaudant.

Campis violae florescunt,
Pratis gramina vigescunt;
  Breve jam deficient:—
Tibi, mater, flos aetatis
Non pallescens, tempestatis
  Quem vices non auferent.

Centum annos celebramus;
Centum annos hic cantamus;
  Te tollentes gloria.
Tu perpetuo manebis,
Tu perenniter florebis,
  Stabilis per saecula.

R. L. C.

"THEY ALSO SERVE WHO ONLY STAND AND WAIT."

[A True Incident.]

To this class belonged Luke, an odd character of the Green Mountain regions. In an abandoned hunter's lodge, at the top of the Sherburne crossing, he lived a hermit, his only companionship the crows shrieking continually in the tops of lightning-charred pines around the lodge. Every one in the country round knew that face, the forehead on which intellect had set her seal, eyes sometimes keen and sane, but more often bewildered and questioning; lips proud and sensitive, those of a man of intense feeling; the whole face that of one still young, but around it the snow-white hair of extreme age.

Rough men who turned a cold shoulder on the minister's donation party often left a turkey or a bag of apples at Luke's door. Many were the cakes and pies which found their way up to the cabin after a church collation or social. The Sherburne Hollow community had a system of boarding around, whereby Luke dined out at Thanksgiving, Christmas, election day, communion Sundays, and Fourth of July. These gala-day dinners must have been a welcome innovation upon his usual menu, which consisted of baked potatoes with griddle cakes, fried on the top of the stove (no gridiron between to detract from the flavor); the whole served on the top side of a blue-edged plate for breakfast, on the bottom of it for dinner, and on the top again for supper. Yet it must be said in justice to the Sherburne ladies that they had given him a dishpan, as well as a gridiron, but Luke still persevered in his labor-saving methods of housekeeping.

But the cabin itself was always scrupulously neat. His books, remnants of college days before partial insanity had divided his brilliant past from his pitiable present, kept their proper places on the shelf. His Sabine farm, a large onion patch, with alternating rows of mignonette, was also a marvel of cleanness.

After work in the onion patch or at marketing was over, Luke always sat in the door of his lodge. He watched the great ball of the sun start down the other side of the mountain, disappearing behind the scraggy pines. He studied the glowing sky it left behind, a a celestial conflagration blazing all about the blackened pines, which burned and yet were not consumed.

Luke was never alone at this hour of dusk. A shadowy presence of one once loved always floated about him. He spoke with her, divining and expressing in words the thoughts of his phantom friend. Luke's talk was of the onions, and the old ladies at the village who bought mignonette. But slowly his mind, led on by subtle connections suggested by her presence, went back to the things of his youth. His eyes kindled, he talked brilliantly as of old. He was no longer ragged, no longer queer, but a profound scholar, a gentleman. It grew dark. "Mary," he said, "isn't it time to put on the teakettle?" He sat waiting. But already the hallucination was vanishing. He sprang up crying, "Mary! Mary! What is happening? Am I sick? Mist is coming all around you." But his frantic fingers touched nothing but air. He sank down wearily. At midnight the moon high up in the sky shone ghastly on Luke's white, bowed head, alone in the still black wildness.

The older people at Sherburne Hollow remembered Luke as their young pastor. They had often seen him sitting with the real Mary on the steps of her home at the end of the street. Now, for some years the house had been abandoned. The good neighbors could tell how shortly before her wedding day Mary had mysteriously disappeared from the Hollow, un-

gratefully turning her back on the "bran new parsonage, built a-special for her, with running water right handy to the sink." Her father fled the officious sympathy of the villagers and went to seek his wayward child. But it was upon the young minister that the blow fell most terribly. Through months of illness his brain was on fire with fever. When the fever had spent itself there was left to him of life nothing but tbe shadow bride who came to him for a little while, as we have seen, at every sunset time.

But much as the villagers knew about Luke, one scene in his story was witnessed by no earthly eye. One morning just at dawn a woman, untidy, haggard, depraved, stood on the sunken piazza, and looked into the empty house which once was Mary's home. When, late that night, Luke sat with his lamp and book near the window of his cabin, the same woman knelt in prayer and tears outside the window, very near the pure face, so marred by sorrow, into which she could not look. None of the Sherburne people know that from that hour of prayer Mary went back to New York its most devoted missionary to the wretched and the outcast. No one knows that the stricken minister is thus preaching to an audience a hundred times greater, a thousand times more needful of the gospel, than the little company he once cared for in Sherburne.

E. N., 1900.

CONCERNING THE ALUMNI.

[Contributions in the way of literary articles, reminiscences and news of former graduates are especially solicited from alumni. In view of the nearness of the Centennial, these would be especially interesting and throughout the year the UNDERGRADUATE will give special attention to this department.

In the case of a change of address, alumni are specially requested to notify the Business Manager. Much trouble has been caused in the past by failure to do this.]

'39. The U. V. M. *Cynic* has been publishing as a serial a biography of John G. Saxe by R. W. Taft, U. V. M. '95. The article is extended and contains many selections from his poems. It has also been brought out in book form.

'42. Columbus Smith is spending the winter in Florida.

'46. The many friends of ex-Governor John W. Stewart will sympathise with him in the loss of his wife, whose death occurred at Boston March 19. The funeral was held here on the following Thursday. President Brainerd and Professors Eaton, Howard, McGilton and Sanford were bearers.

'57. Hon. Henry F. Severens of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been appointed judge of the sixth judicial circuit by President McKinley to succeed Judge Taft, who becomes a member of the new Philippine commission.

'61. On December 3 the First Congregational church of Ovid, Mich., was dedicated, free from debt. The pastor, Rev. M. M. Martin, D. D., has been instrumental in bringing this about.

'66. Special services were held February 9 in the Congregational church of Norwich, to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the pastorate of N. R. Nichols.

'76. Thomas E. Boyce has been spending a portion of the winter in Washington with Joseph Battell.

'77. Rev. John Mervin Hull has resigned his pastorate at Weston, Mass., on account of ill health.

'81. James C. Harvey is about to issue a 20,000 edition of his African novel, "Scarabeus."

'83. Claude M. Severance is now pastor of the Second Congregational church at Baltimore, Md.

'84. G. E. Lathrop states that he is "taking a dose of bucolic life at Candia, N. H., in accordance with the doctor's orders." His health is slowly improving.

'84. Dr. F. H. Knowlton has been made the member for Vermont of the advisory council of "Bird Lore."

'84. Rev. R. J. Barton has been the superintendent of the Addison County Anti-Saloon League since its establishment here.

'89. In a letter to the editor Leslie H. Raine says: "I take a great interest in the UNDERGRADUATE myself. I have every issue from Vol. 1, No. 1, to date, all bound, with special indexes which I have gotten up and had printed. I think a great deal of them.

'89. In the daily Washington letters printed in the various newspapers the writer gives the following under "A War Correspondent's Experience": "I want to say something about Robert M. Collins, who is the Associated Press correspondent, and a little of what he had to do for one day's work. You all remember that on the day that Lawton was killed he was twelve hours ahead of every other newspaper man in the Philippines in getting the news to the United States. On that occasion he was out twenty-six hours in a rain all the time, with nothing to eat and in the saddle

twenty-four of the twenty-six hours. He came in from the front with three cavalrymen, who brought the official reports. They had to go through a country full of insurgents on a twelve-hour ride, and it was a toss up whether they made it or not. With anything but the native ponies used it would have been impossible, but where there was no trail they climbed up and down the ledges like goats, the party occasionally hauling and sliding around in the dark, fording several rivers and swimming across one stream, each man leading his own horse and holding on to the tail of the one in front of him. When Collins got in at 10 o'clock, his saddle was smashed, bridle broken, his face and hands scratched raw, and he was black and blue from head to foot, and the pony was in just as bad condition. The cavalrymen who came in with Collins said it was the most exciting and hardest experience they ever had. Having known Collins for a great many years, I can appreciate the manner in which he worked to get that big piece of news, and get it ahead of everybody else. He is one of the men who ought to be able to give some interesting experiences of campaigning in the Philippines, for he has seen nearly all of it — more, in fact, than any other correspondent who has been out there."

'90. A A. Lavery has been made a trustee of the Public Library at Ballston, N. Y.

'91. Dr. D. G. Reilly delivered an address on "Our Country's Fathers" at a St. Patrick's Day banquet in Dayton, O.

'91. Carl A. Mead is a law student in the office of Shearman & Sterling of New York City.

'91. T. H. Noonan of Buffalo, N. Y., is a member of the Independent and University Clubs, being secretary of the committee on admissions in the latter, which is composed of college graduates exclusively. He also belongs to the Acadia Club, a Masonic club, and has been secretary of the Buffalo Society of Vermonters for nearly four years. Mr. Noonan is in partnership with Hon. Henry W. Hill, a prominent member of the New York State legislature.

'92. Dr. B. D. Colby recently visited friends in college. He is soon to take an advanced course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City.

'93. J. B. Donoway is a candidate for State's Attorney of Addison county.

'94. Dr. Stanton Eddy, a physician in the Boston City Hospital, is ill with diphtheria.

'95. G. S. Wright, who is principal of the High School at Bethel, visited the college recently.

'96. Carl Merrill returned to Glens Falls, N. Y., a few days ago. He was called to Middlebury by the illness and death of his mother.

'96. Guy C. Lamson of the Rochester Theological Seminary was elected missionary pastor by the Vermont Baptist State convention February 5.

'97. E. G. Bridgham has a position in a high school at Gouverneur, N. Y.

'98. M. F. Halpin has accepted a position with C. S. Page of Hyde Park.

98. Miss Florence Allen, William H. Botsford and Miss Lucia Avery have been about college with friends lately.

'98. James A Lobban is retained as a teacher of a private school during the recess between the two terms of the Wilmington High school, of which he has been re-engaged as principal at an increased salary.

'99. C. O. Smith has returned to college and is taking post graduate work in botany, physics and chemistry.

'99. Miss Annette Anderson has a position as teacher in Howard University, Washington, D. C., for the coming year.

OBITUARY.

BELA FANCHER, '31.

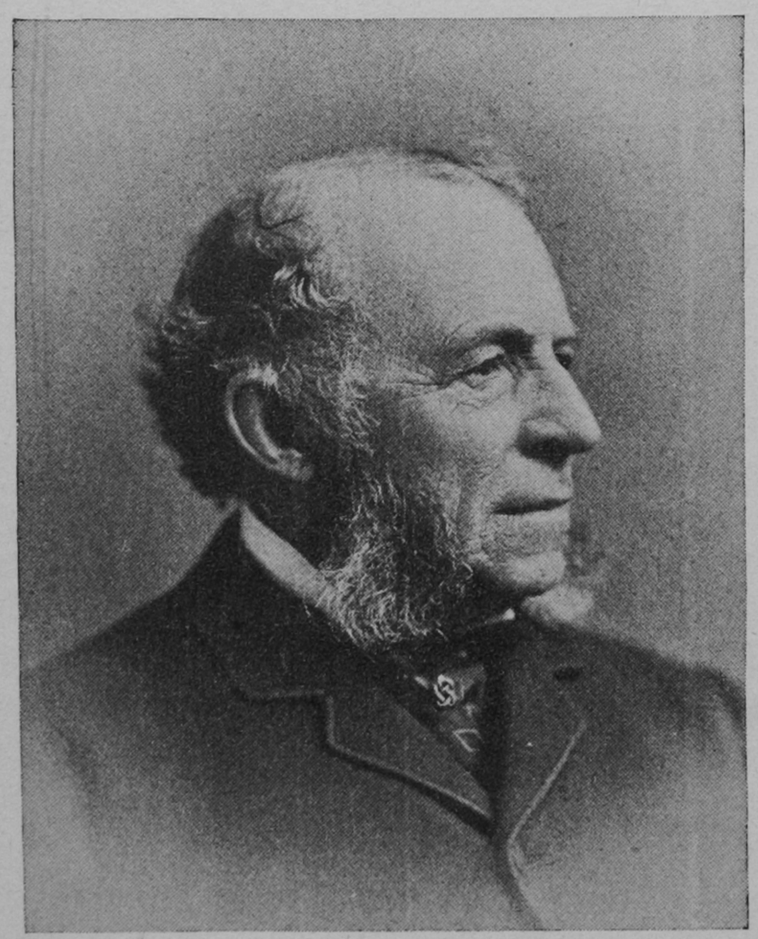
A notice of the death of Rev. Bela Fancher at Homer, Mich., Nov. 29, appeared in a recent issue, but it was not possible to obtain an account of his life. The following has since been received from friends:

Rev. Bela Fancher was born at Verona, New York, June 11, 1807. His father's name was David Fancher, and his mother's name was Polly Sedgwick. He spent one year at Hamilton College and three years at Middlebury College, where he graduated. He took a full course at Andover Theological Seminary, and graduated there in 1835. He spent one year as Principal of Sheldon Academy, 1834–1835. He was licensed to preach by Andover Theological Association, and was ordained in 1836, at Troy, Ohio, by Miami Presbytery. He labored as pastor at Troy, Ohio, from 1835 to 1841, and at North Bergen,

New York, where he was installed in 1841, and remained there six years. In 1847 he became pastor at Caryville, New York, where he remained four years. He was appointed Principal of Cary Collegiate Seminary, and held that office between two and three years. He was installed pastor in Barre, New York, and preached there for a term of years. In 1850 he came to Michigan and accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Homer, where he labored for nine years. He also supplied the Presbyterian church at Concord for three years and three months while living at Homer, and at Eckford, Mich., for thirteen or fourteen years. He also served as County Superintendent of Schools of Calhoun Co., Mich , from 1869 to 1872. He also taught in Homer Academy for about three years.

He was married at Fayston, Vt., in 1835, to Lovina Allen, who died April 30, 1851. In November, 1851, he was married to Charlotte F. Fowler, who died at Homer, Mich. Aug. 29, 1894.

In 1890, feeling that he was no longer able to do the work of a minister, he was, at his own request, honorably retired by the Presbytery of Lansing, of which he had been an honored member for a long term of years, and until the time of his death he had been living in retirement at Homer, Mich., respected and beloved by all who knew him.



EDWARD JOHN PHELPS, '40.

After a two months' illness Hon. E. J. Phelps died at New Haven, Conn., Friday, March 9. His death was due directly to an abscess of the lungs, although he had been ill for seven weeks previous with pneumonia. Twelve hours previous to the time he expired he lost consciousness which he did not regain.

The funeral services were held the following Sunday afternoon in Battell Chapel on the Yale campus and were attended by an immense throng of people. They were conducted by Rev. Dr. T. T. Munger of the Yale corporation and Ex-President Timothy Dwight made the address.

The remains were taken by train to Burlington, the residence of Professor Phelps, where the funeral and interment occurred from St. Paul's church on the afternoon of March 13. The number of people who gathered to attend the service taxed the seating capacity of the edifice and was a fitting tribute to the memory of the distinguished deceased. The Episcopal burial service was used. Bishop A. C. A. Hall officiated, assisted by the Reverends George Y. Bliss, Thomas Worrall and Germont Graves, '47 non-grad. The honorary bearers were: Gov. E. C. Smith of St. Albans, Col. L. B. Cannon of New York, Gen. J. G. McCullough of Bennington, Hon. B. F. Fifield of Montpelier, President M. H. Buckham, Prof. H. A. P Torrey, Col. B. B. Smalley, Mayor Robert Roberts and John A. Arthur of Burlington. After the service at the church the remains were taken to Green Mount cemetery for interment.

Perhaps the illness of no Yale personage of the present time has excited more sympathy than that of Professor Phelps. Hardly a day passed but that students and instructors of the University called at the door to inquire as to his condition, while President Hadley was at all times aware of the progress of the patient. Telegrams were also being constantly received from the friends of Professor Phelps in all sections of the country. About a month ago Queen Victoria sent a cablegram inquiring as to the condition and hope for the professor and expressed sympathy for his wife.

In the *Laurea* will be found a number of personal reminiscences and tributes to his character from the pen of his college tutor, Dr. James D. Butler, '36.

The portrait at the beginning of this sketch is taken from the same publication.

The Burlington *Free Press* gives the following account of his life:

Edward John Phelps, lawyer, scholar, diplomatist and statesman, was born in Middlebury, Addison county, Vermont, June 12, 1822. He was the son of Hon. Samuel Shethar Phelps, who graduated at Yale College in 1811; settled in Middlebury in 1812; representing the town in the general assembly, 1821-32; was a member of the council of censors of Vermont, 1827; a member of the governor's council, 1831; judge of the supreme court of Vermont, 1831-38; and was United States senator, 1839-51 and 1853-4. The family traces its lineage in the direct line from William Phelps, who emigrated from England to America in 1630; founded the town of Windsor, Conn., and was a magistrate, and an important member of the Connecticut Colony, Edward Phelps, the great grandfather of Edward J., was a large landholder and a representative in the general court of Connecticut. The grandfather of Edward J., John Phelps, was a wealthy citizen of Litchfield, Conn., and a soldier in

the Revolutionary war. The subject of this sketch entered Middlebury college at the age of fourteen years and graduated in 1840. Selecting the law as his profession he pursued legal studies at the Yale Law School, 1842-43, and with Hon. Horatio Seymour of Middlebury. He was admitted to the bar at the December term of the Addison county court in 1843, and commenced practice in Middlebury, removing thence in 1845 to Burlington, which has since been his home. In 1851 he accepted the office of second comptroller of the United States treasury, unexpectedly tendered to him by President Fillmore, and held it throughout the remainder of Mr. Fillmore's administration, at the close of which he resigned it, though urged by President Pierce to retain it. Returning to Burlington he resumed practice and speedily attained a leading position, both as advocate and counsellor. He was prominent as a counsel in the litigations of the Vermont railroads, which for over a quarter of a century largely occupied the attention of the state and federal courts. He represented the city of Burlington in the constitutional convention of 1870, which inaugurated the biennial system of elections and made other important changes in the constitution of Vermont. In 1877 he presided with admirable grace and dignity at the centennial celebration of the battle of Bennington, which was graced by the attendance of the president of the United States and many men of national distinction. In 1880 he received the unsolicited nomination of the Democratic party of Vermont for governor, and received a larger vote than has ever been cast for a Democratic candidate for that office in the last generation. In 1881 he accepted the Kent professorship of law at Yale College, and in 1882 he was lecturer on constitutional law in the Boston University. He was president of the American Bar association in 1881. In 1885 the most important position in the diplomatic service, that of minister to the Court of St. James, was tendered by President Cleveland to Mr. Phelps, and was filled by him for four years with an ability and success that will long be remembered on both sides of the Atlantic. At the close of his term as minister to England Mr. Phelps resumed his chair at Yale University, devoting attention at times to a few important cases before the supreme court of the United States. Mr. Phelps was selected at one time by President Cleveland for a place on the bench of the supreme court of the United States; but the opposition of some leading Irish politicians to the appointment, and fear of losing the Irish vote in the approaching election, induced Mr. Cleveland to abandon his choice and give the place to another man. In 1893 he was, by the appointment of President Harrison, one of the counsel for the United States before the Behring Sea tribunal of arbitration at Paris and made the leading argument for the United States government before that important tribunal. In these highly responsible positions he established an enviable national fame as a lawyer and statesman. He was a man of wide reading, of cultivated literary taste, of keen and independent judgment, a brilliant and accomplished speaker, and an able writer. His letter defining the issue between sound currency and free silver coinage, in the presidential campaign of 1896, was one of the chief factors in determining the result of the succeeding national election. Many of Mr. Phelps' addresses, legal arguments and important papers have been published, among which may be mentioned an address on "Chief Justice Marshall, and the Constitutional Law of His Time," before the American Bar association, 1879; address on "Changes in Statute Law," before the same, 1881; "The Law of the Land," an address before the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution, 1886; "Rights of American Fishermen and Construction of the Treaty with Great Britain," 1887; "Relation of Law to Justice," address before the South Carolina Bar association, 1890; Oration at the Dedication of the Bennington Battle Monument, 1891; and "The Monroe Doctrine," address before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, 1896. He was the author of various magazine articles on constitutional and public questions and on literary topics.

He was honored with the degree of Doctor of Laws by Middlebury College in 1887. Yale conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts in 1881. In 1887 the Edward J. Phelps professorship of law at Yale was endowed in his honor by J S. Morgan.

Professor Phelps resided in New Haven only during the winter and spring terms of the college year, and claimed Vermont as his residence.

In August, 1845, Mr. Phelps was married to Mary, daughter of Judge Stephen Haight of Burlington. Four children were born to them: Edward Haight, an eminent civil engineer, deceased; Francis Shurtleff, who died young; Mary Haight, wife of Horatio Loomis; and Charles Pierpoint Phelps, banker of Boston.

Mr. Phelps was a man of fine literary taste. He enjoyed and was at home in the society of scholars and leading artists and good writers. His library was filled with good books, and the walls of his home are hung with choice paintings and pictures. He was a delightful host, entertaining with rare grace at his own table. He shone in conversation, his keen wit, fund of information and gift of expression making him the centre of every social circle around him. He was an effective public speaker, and as a presiding officer on occasions like that of the Bennington Centennial in 1877, his dignity, readiness and tact in introducing dignitaries won universal admiration. His chief eminence, however, was as a lawyer. His printed briefs of arguments on important cases are numbered by hundreds. His address on "The Law of the Land," delivered before the Philosophic Institution of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1887, had a wide circulation in England, as well as on this side of the water, three editions of it being published in London, and two in New York, and others of his addresses before the American Bar Association and the Vermont Historical Society have a permanent value.

He was a Vermonter through and through, familiar with the history of his State, glad to be known as one of her sons; proud of her record in war and peace; proud also of the comparative purity of her politics, even when least in accord with the controlling political principles of her people; and interested in whatever conduced to the welfare and prosperity of the community in which he was glad to keep his home.

In his eulogy of the deceased, Ex-President Dwight said, on the topic, "The Man as We Knew Him":

"He was, I think, a man having in himself, by nature and a thorough education, the finest characteristics which we ask for in the membership of the university brotherhood. With a strong intellect and a manly spirit; with an earnest purpose and a quiet determination to build up and to build out the powers within him; with an appreciation of culture and a desire to give it its most wide reaching influence in mind and heart and outward manner; with a great generosity and magnanimity which lifted the life over and above littleness and meanness; with no wish to seem more than reality would justify; with a lofty ideal of the professional care to which he had devoted himself, he stood in our company and among men everywhere as a worthy example of the educated and refined scholar and of the cultured manly man. So he appeared to me from the day of my first meeting him even to the very end.

"In an age like ours, indeed, it must be said in any age, it is a pleasure to have witnessed a genuine life. He seemed to me to be a man of large kindliness of spirit, of the gentleness of a gentleman, of a peaceful temper, of the qualities in word which win the kindly sentiment of others. But with all those qualities there were united an independence of mind and a courageous spirit which when the interest of truth or justice were involved made him ready to speak with all boldness and give to his words a fullness of energy and power. Instincts of such boldness in the history of recent years will be remembered by all, instances in which the strength of his courage, of his manly character became impressively manifest. He was a man as well as a gentleman. We like to be with such men while they live. We grieve with sincerity and sorrow when they die."

EDWARD HENRY PETTENGILL, '~~77~~62-non-grad.

The death of Dr. E. H. Pettengill occurred at his home in Saxtons River Feb. 9. For over thirty years Dr. Pettingill has been a prominent figure in medical circles. Born in Grafton, Vt., in 1837, his early life was spent upon a farm. He was educated at Burr and Burton Seminary at Manchester and at Middlebury College, but before graduating enlisted in the 16th Vermont Volunteers under Col. W. G. Veasey and served throughout the civil war. Coming to Saxtons River, he began the study of medicine under the late Dr. Daniel Campbell, who ranked as one of the leading practitioners in New England, and later graduated from Harvard medical school. After some years spent in company with Dr. Campbell he opened an office and has been in active practice ever since.

He married Miss R. J. Wilder of Keene, N. H., who, with three sons and two daughters, survives him.

'96. News has been received of the death of A. C. Wales, March 20 at his home. A sketch of his life will appear later.

THE GLEE CLUB.

The second trip of the Glee Club, while not so gay with receptions and dances, was quite as successful as the first. It began on Tuesday, February 20, with a concert at Castleton, under the auspices of the Congregational church, of which Rev. Frank B. Hyde, of the class of '84, is pastor. After the concert the boys were given a dance by the young ladies of the town. On Wednesday evening Music Hall in Manchester was crowded and a fine concert was given. The next morning was sifted full of snow and to add to the general depression the leader, Mr. Simmons, was called home by the illness of his sister. At Arlington that night the club sang to a very appreciative audience, though the programme was of necessity changed by the absence of Whitney and Simmons. Botsford was unable to speak because of a sore throat and Brown took his place. His imitation of a nocturnal controversy between two felines took the fellows, as well as the audience, by storm. After the concert Hon. J. K. Batchelder, '64, came over to the hotel and delighted the boys with his many college reminiscences. At Bennington the club was royally entertained at private homes and left a well-pleased audience after the concert. The "Elihu Primbles" were wildly encored. The duet of Simmons and Howard was beautifully accompanied by White on the 'cello, and the work of the quartet was such that "Po' Little Lamb" was at a premium in the music stores next day. An informal dance was given at the Putnam House after the concert. The next morning afforded an opportunity for most of the fellows to visit and climb the monument, while some two or three seemed more interested in the Soldiers' Home.

The final concert at Rutland fully sustained the reputation of the club. It was given under the auspices of the Universalist Church. After the concert the club were invited to await train as guests of the Elks and were entertained right royally. The

piano selections rendered by Mr. Harry Ingals were most heartily enjoyed. Every member was satisfied with the trip and with the whole season thus far when a dividend was recently declared in their favor. The total receipts for the season were $638.94, eighteen concerts having been given. The club has probably finished its work, although the numerous opportunities for more concerts have been a severe temptation.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS.

BOSTON ALUMNI BANQUET.

On the evening of February 28 the Alumni of Boston and vicinity met at the United States Hotel in that city and organized the Boston Association of Middlebury College Alumni. Rev. G. R. W. Scott of Newton, Mass., was made president, Rev. George W. Brooks of Ashmont, Mass., secretary, and Charles G. Farwell of Wollaston, Mass., treasurer.

At the banquet which followed Dr. James L. Barton presided, President Brainerd being seated at his right and Dr. P. B. Goodsell at his left. After a few words of welcome the toasmaster called upon President Brainerd, who spoke of the elaborate preparations in progress for the celebration of the College Centennial.

"The college approaches this festival," he said, "under the most auspicious circumstances. Its roll of graduates, though not large, has an unusually large proportion of names distinguished for professional ability or for success in letters, and their record is one of which any college may well be proud.

"The affairs of the college were never in a more prosperous condition than to-day. The graduating class is the largest that the College has sent out in sixty years. The new Starr library is nearly completed and in architectural finish and in convenience of interior appointment will be a model building, suited to all the needs of the institution."

He concluded with an earnest appeal for the small college as an important factor in the educational system of the future and expressed this as the ideal of Middlebury.

Professor Eaton followed and spoke of the College in later days, emphasizing the character of the work done at the present time. This is shown by the fact that of the last ten classes seven members are now teaching in universities and colleges. In only seven years in the history of the College have there been more students in College than to-day, and only two Freshman classes have been larger than the present.

Speeches were also made by Professor McGilton, Hon. John W. Stewart, Rev. Lawrence Phelps, Rev. George W. Brooks and Rev. James H. Ross of Princeton, '74. A letter was also read from ex-President Cyrus Hamlin. A vote was passed requesting the trustees to appoint a committee of five to cooperate with committees from other alumni associations in securing endowment funds for the College.

After the formal part of the banquet the company was entertained with a number of songs by G. H. Remele, '72, and the festivities of the evening closed with the singing of college songs by the whole company.

Among those at the meeting were the following: Hon. John W. Stewart, '46; Dr. B. P. Goodsell, '52; E. P. Hooker, D. D., '55; John C. Labaree, D. D., '56; Henry S. Foote, '57; Charles G Steele, '60: Lyman H Blake, D. D., '63; Edward W. Howe, '69; Julius N. Mallory, '71; George H. Remele, '72; Rev. George W. Brooks, '73; Rev. Lawrence Phelps, '75; Edwin H. Eastman, '76; C. G. Farwell, '76; Alva C. Peck, '80; James L. Barton, D. D., '81; John C. Miller, '82; J. D. Hutchinson, '82; Prentiss W. Hoyt, '89; Rev. H. G. Megathlin, '93, George Dow Scott, '95; Charles W. Prentiss, '96; President Ezra Brainerd, Prof. W. W. Eaton, Professor McGilton, Mrs. Mary A. Peck, '87; Miss Harrietta E. Bolton, '90; Mrs. H. G. Megathlin, '94; Miss Elizabeth Merriam, '95; Miss M. Grace Potter, '99, and Rev James H. Ross, Princeton, '74.

NEW YORK ALUMNI BANQUET.

The third annual meeting of the Middlebury Alumni of New York and vicinity took place at Delmonico's in New York on March 16. At 7 o'clock in the evening, the appointed hour, the graduates began to assemble in the rooms reserved for them, and the earnest hand-shaking and the merry laugh told of the meeting of old friends and the recalling of some old time scene. Thus graduates from the classes of '57 to '98 came together to renew the memories of college days. It was nearly 8 o'clock before the doors were opened, disclosing to view the table, in the shape of a horse-shoe, already prepared for the banquet in the elegant dining-room. Professor Brainerd Kellogg,

'58, requested those present to enter, leading the way with Mr. H. S. Snow, President of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, an invited guest, and followed by President Brainerd and the others. President Brainerd sat at Professor Kellogg's right and President Snow at his left. As presiding officer Professor Kellogg called upon Rev. E. J. Klock, '88, to say grace. For nearly two hours those present were busy with the elaborate menu and with conversation with their neighbors and then Professor Kellogg, as toastmaster, rapped for order. In his usually graceful manner he congratulated those before him upon the third annual banquet of the New York Alumni and spoke enthusiastically of the old College among the green hills and of the fact that the Alumni are the College. He then in a humorous way described how President Brainerd excelled all men in Vermont, not only as a broiler of black bass, but also in his knowledge of botany and geology, after which he introduced him as the first speaker of the evening. President Brainerd was received with loud applause and spoke of his pleasure at seeing the Alumni again and of the present condition of the College. He presented to view the honorable record of the College in its graduates of distinction, and alluded to the recognized advantages of the small colleges in many respects. The prosperity of the College was shown by the increased number of students, the enlarged endowments, and the beautiful new library which is nearly completed. He then announced the gift of $50,000 by Ezra J. Warner, '61, of Chicago, Ill., to erect the Warner Science Hall in memory of his father, who was for many years a trustee of the College. The announcement of this generous gift was received with great applause. President Snow was the next speaker and, though, as he said, only an honorary alumnus, he revealed a very intimate knowledge of the various administrations, going back to the time of President Atwater. Also in a humorous vein he brought to light selections from a 4th of July oration of the presiding officer. Professor Eaton spoke of the character of the work in later years, the better preparation of students as they enter, the need of a library fund, and the positions that Alumni are occupying as proof of the good work done. Mr. Gifford referred to the College with enthusiasm and made it clear that the education given there was an excellent foundation for success. Mr. Gay spoke in the lighter vein, recalling experiences and scenes belonging to college days. Dr. Warner presented, as only a physician could, the success of Alma Mater. Rev. J. M. Thomas amused his hearers by the earnestness with which he discussed the study of mathematics and intimated that one of the desirable things for the small college was to grow. Mr. Stearns' words showed his continued loyalty to the College. Rev. E. J. Klock expressed the desire that there might be a closer connection between the Alumni and the College, so that the graduates would have a better acquaintance with what is going on. Mr. Redfield recalled the distinguished citizens of Middlebury and even those of the neighboring towns who visited Middlebury. While Professor Abernethy showed very clearly that which is of value in a college and said that it was found in a small college like Middlebury.

The officers of the past year were re-elected. The following gentlemen were present: L. Redfield, '57, Professor Brainerd Kellogg, '58, President Ezra Brainerd, '64, Dr. J. A. Mead, '64, D. J. Newland, '65, George M. Wright, '74, Prof. J. W. Abernethy, '76, W. W. Gay, '76, J. M. Gifford, '77, Dr. C. B. Warner, '77, R. H. Smith, '78, Dr. H. B. Boice, '81, C. B. F. Palmer, '83, Prof. Samuel Sheldon, '83, Jesse Stearns, '83, Dr. B. F. Churchill, '84, James T. Clark, '87, Rev. E. J. Klock, '88, Rev. John M Thomas, '90, James F. McNaboe, '92, H. D. Sears, '98, Prof. W. W. Eaton, Pres. H. S. Snow, William H. Porter, Mr. Sears.

Letters of regret were read from Hon. Levi P. Morton, Hon. A. B. Hepburn and others. Mr. Morton's letter read as follows:

"DEAR MR. HEPBURN,

You may perhaps recollect that, on the occasion of our pleasant interview and my acceptance of the invitation to the centennial dinner of the Alumni of Middlebury College, I had an irritating cough. I regret to say that I have been confined to my house since Monday and that I must forego the pleasure that it would give me to meet the Alumni of the College, where my father, my only brother and my uncle, Levi Parsons, were educated, at their gathering on Friday evening. With renewed regrets and all good wishes, believe me.

Very cordially yours,

March 14, 1900. LEVI P. MORTON."

It was after midnight that the members of the association dispersed, feeling that they had had a most enjoyable reunion.

BASE BALL.

It is gratifying to see the energy with which the students are preparing for the spring baseball campaign. A gymnasium class has been organized for all who intend to try for the team. This meets directly after college on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. A cause of hope for the coming season is the fact that eight of the men who helped to give Union her first defeat of last season are still in college and candidates for this year's team. These, with the material from the Freshman Class, should give us the best nine that ever crossed bats for "Dear Old Midd." A competent coach has been secured, and he wishes above all things that the men appear in their best form and condition. The necessity for this will be evident upon reading the following

SCHEDULE.

May 2.—St. Albans, at St. Albans.
May 3.—Norwich University, at Northfield.
May 4.—Montpelier Seminary, at Montpelier.
May 5.—Goddard, at Barre.
May 10.—Union College, at Middlebury.
May 12.—Vermont Academy, at Saxton's River.
May 17.—Hamilton College, at Middlebury.
May 22.—T. C. A., at Poultney.
May 23.—Hamilton College, at Clinton, N. Y.
May 24.—Syracuse University, at Syracuse, N. Y.
May 25.—St. John's Academy, at Manlius, N. Y.
May 26.—Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y.
May 30.—Open.
June 2.—Vermont Academy, at Middlebury.
June 9.—St. Albans, at Middlebury.
June 16.—Open.
June 23.—Open.
July 2.—Alumni, at Middlebury.

THE MINSTREL SHOW.

The minstrel show given March 6 and 7 for the benefit of the athletic association was a most successful production. Though the receipts were materially reduced by a small attendance the first night, owing to the "blizzard", there was a large and enthusiastic audience at the second night's performance.

The setting of the first part was particularly effective, the color scheme being most satisfactorily worked out. Botsford, 1900, acted as interlocutor, and the end-men were McCuen, 1902; Burke, 1902; Nelson, 1901; Wilds, 1902; Barnard, 1901; Squire, 1903; Witherell, 1903; Lawrence, 1901; Hughes, 1902, and Wright, 1903. About 40 students, including the Glee club, formed the chorus. All of the soloists were obliged to respond to encores. Lawrence, 1901, scored a "hit" in his rendering of "My Ann Eliza" and was obliged to refuse a fourth encore. In the Olio part the Glee club rendered one selection each evening, being followed by McCuen, 1902, and Squire, 1903, who appeared in a very clever character sketch, introducing clog-dancing, a bag-pipe solo and other specialties. Botsford, 1900, delivered a parody upon "Spartacus' address to the Gladiators", filled with amusing local hits and effectively rendered. The march and drill, "Day and night in the Transvaal," was, in some respects, the most successful feature of the evening. The makeup and discipline of both British and Boers was especially good, Burke, 1902, creating much laughter as "Oom Paul". In the encore all the lights in the hall were shut off and the soldiers appeared with lighted torches, performing a double wheel and other intricate evolutions. The second part closed with a very funny skit of stories and songs by the "comedy quartet," Voetsch, 1902, Barnard, 1900, Barnard, 1901, and Clark, 1901.

The entertainment concluded with a farce written for the occasion, entitled "Doughnuts, or Uncle John's Visit". All the parts were exceedingly well taken. In the farce was introduced the cake-walk, which was unanimously pronounced the best thing of the kind ever seen in the town hall. As spectators at the cake-walk McCuen and Wilds as "Uncle John" and "Ozias" did some very clever acting. The music was furnished by the Middlebury orchestra of ten pieces. The entire entertainment certainly reflected great credit upon all who had it in charge, and upon all the participants as well.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

In accordance with the change suggested last year by the International Committee of the Students' Christian Associations, the second Sunday in February was observed as the Day of Prayer for Colleges. In the morning at the Congregational church Rev. A. W. Dickens delivered a sermon appropriate to the day. In the afternoon a vesper service was held in the chapel, which was well attended. Dr. Brainerd presided. The general subject was the "World's Need of Educated Christian Service." There were

short talks by several of the students and members of the faculty and special music was rendered by the choir.

The two Associations have made arrangements for a series of lectures similar to those given last winter. They will be given by Professor Howard April 20, President Brainerd May 2, and Professor Burt May 11. Course tickets will be 50 cents; single admission 25. The proceeds will be divided between the Associations and will be used for sending delegates to the various student conferences.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

A plan for a sustaining membership among the Alumnæ has been arranged by which relationship after leaving College will be kept up. There will be a fee as for active members and in addition letters regarding the Association life and work will be sent them.

The course in mission study next term will be upon Medical Missions. This study is the last one in the course arranged by the Student Volunteer Movement to cover four years. The entire course has been taken with the exception of one term. The last missionary meeting of the Association was devoted to a report of an address given by Robert E. Speer at the Young Women's Conference at Northfield the past summer. The subject of the address was, "What Christ Has Done for Woman."

The Bible Study Course on "Fundamental Principles of Christian Living" has been completed and a course entitled "Studies in the Acts of the Apostles" has been entered upon.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year:

President,	Miss Rena Avery, 1901
Vice-President,	Miss E. F. Barrett, 1902
Corresponding Secretary,	Miss E. A. Williams, 1902
Recording Secretary,	Miss Elizabeth Bowles, 1902
Treasurer,	Miss G. E. James, 1901
Chairman Devotional Committee,	Miss Cornish, 1901
Chairman Missionary Committee,	Miss Brooks, 1901
Chairman Bible Study Committee,	Miss Barrett, 1902
Chairman Reception Committee,	Miss Thomas, 1901
Chairman Membership Committee,	Miss Landon, 1901
Chairman New Students' Committee,	Miss Walker, 1901
Chairman Rooms and Library Committee,	Miss Baker, 1902
Chairman "Evangel" Committee,	Miss Button, 1901
Chairman Finance Committee,	Miss James, 1901
Chairman Music Committee,	Miss Hausman, 1903

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The work of the Y. M. C. A. was greatly assisted and the members encouraged by the visit of Mr. George Gleason, who was here from February 23 to the 26th. Mr. Gleason is one of the travelling secretaries of the General Student Association and his broad experience in the work was of great value to us. Most of his efforts, however, were in seeing the students personally and the college was well canvassed by him. On Sunday an informal meeting of the new members was held at the close of their Bible study class and the duties and responsibilities of membership discussed. Later in the day the active members met with Mr. Gleason, who led in an hour's discussion of the needs and methods of our Association, and a program of work was outlined. The meeting showed much enthusiasm and resulted in a closer organization.

Mr. Gleason spoke very encouragingly of the state of our Y. M. C. A. work and of the Christian standard of the College in general; he compared it most favorably with that in other colleges he had visited.

The Association will probably send the newly elected president to the Y. M. C. A. Presidents' Conference to be held at Yale April 12–15.

F. B. Miner, 1902, represented the Association at the Interstate Y. M. C. A. Convention held at Brattleboro March 15–18. His report given March 27 showed an enthusiastic meeting with ninety-six delegates present. The only other educational institutions represented were Dartmouth and Vermont Academy.

The officers elected for the coming year are:

President,	J. Earle Parker, 1901
Vice-President,	F. B. Miner, 1902
Treasurer,	B. L. Stafford, 1901
Secretary,	J. A. Wilcox, 1902

The committees are:

Membership—W. M. Barnard, 1901, J. A. Wilcox, 1902, James Hovey, 1903; Bible study—F. A. Simmons, 1902, C. F. Lester, 1903, D. L. Robinson, 1903; Devotional—W. Ogden, 1903, A. C. Sheldon, 1902, R. W. Thompson, 1903; Missionary—F. B. Miner, 1902, O. K. Collins, 1902, C. P. Stubbs, 1903.

JUNIOR EXHIBITION.

The annual Junior Exhibition was given by the Class of 1901 at the Town Hall, Tuesday evening, April 3. Music was furnished by Vittum's orchestra of Vergennes. The program was as follows:

OVERTURE, Comedy, *Rudiger.*

ESSAY, *The Monuments of New Hampshire.*
FLORENCE JUDITH WALKER, Pembroke, N. H.

ORATION, *The American Soldier.*
FRED JOHN BAILEY, Wells River.

ESSAY, *Impressions.*
CECILE MAUD CHILD, Weybridge.

ORATION, *The Method of Electing Senators.*
ROY SUMNER STEARNS, Bristol.

SELECTION, Amorita, *Czibulka.*

ESSAY, *Kings Ancient and Modern.*
DOROTHY MARY GRAVES, Vergennes.

ORATION, *The Evils of Popular Clamor.*
ELLSWORTH COLONEL LAWRENCE, Monkton Ridge.

ESSAY, *Pulling Together.*
NELLIE MARIA HADLEY, East Jaffrey, N. H.

ORATION, *The Suppression of Feeling.*
GLENN WILLIAM WHITE, Ludlow.

FLUTE SOLO, "Will-o'-the-Wisp," *Cox.*

ESSAY, *Our American Spectator.*
RENA ELLEN AVERY, Middlebury.

ORATION, *Discontent.*
WALTER MASON BARNARD, Granville, N. Y.

ESSAY, *The Sources of Human Nature Study.*
GERTRUDE ELLA CORNISH, Worcester, Mass.

ORATION, *College Taxation.*
REID LANGDON CARR, Middlebury.

MEDLEY, "The Corker," *Mackie.*

The entire program was well rendered; President Brainerd presided and announced the speakers. The following honor list of the class was published; honors of equal rank: Lemuel Ransom Brown, Reid Langdon Carr, Rena Ellen Avery, Cecile Maud Child, Nellie Maria Hadley, Grace Elizabeth James, Laura Ellah Jarvis, Charlotte May Johnson. After the exhibition the Junior Ex. Dance was given, with some twenty-five couples present.

Among the ladies were Miss Fletcher, Miss Brewster, Miss Miner, Miss Cushman, Miss Kimball, Miss Brainerd, Miss Mellen, Miss Alice Brainerd, Miss Stickney, Miss Warner, the Misses Taft, 1900; Miss Child, 1901; Miss Cornish, 1901; Miss Hadley, 1901; Miss Walker, 1901; Miss Weld, 1901; Miss Murdoch, 1902; Miss Burditt, 1903; Miss Mathison, 1903; Miss Munsey, 1903; Miss Salisbury, 1903; Miss Thompson, 1903; Miss Lane of Cornwall, Miss Smith of Vergennes, Miss Weller of Burlington, Miss Fletcher of Bridport.

A NEW SCIENCE BUILDING.

Marking the completion of almost half a million dollars received for equipment and endowment during the present administration comes the glad news of a gift of $50,000 for a new science building. The donor is Ezra J. Warner of the class of '61, for many years one of Chicago's most successful merchants. The gift is in memory of his father, Joseph Warner, who was for a long time cashier of the Middlebury bank and for fifteen years a trustee of the College.

The new building will be three stories in height, a floor being devoted to the botanical, physical and chemical laboratories respectively. There will also be a basement in which will be placed the furnace and heavy apparatus. Architects are now working on the plans and a front elevation has been made, subject to the approval of the building committee. This Warner Science hall will be erected just north of Painter hall and will have the same relative position as the library at the opposite end of the quadrangle. It will be arranged in the most modern way and fitted with the most advanced apparatus. Work will be begun just as soon as the plans can be perfected and will be well along by Commencement. This is the most needed of all the improvements and its assurance is most gratifying to all the friends of the college.

THE UNDERGRADUATE.

The present board of editors met Friday afternoon, March 30, and on the basis of work done, made the following selection of editors for the coming year: Editor-in-chief, Walter M. Barnard, 1901; assistant editor-in-chief, Ellsworth C. Lawrence, 1901. No others fulfilled the necessary conditions. This is in some ways unfortunate, but the constitution was printed in the UNDERGRADUATE for last April and with the discussion among the students at that time, together with the attendant circumstances, there can be no ground for complaint. The contest for these positions, however, was very close and a large amount of material was handed in.

The Undergraduate Association held its annual meeting March 31. The report of the business manager showed the paper to be in a most encouraging financial condition. The long standing debt has been wiped out and there is a slight surplus in the treasury. This was done notwithstanding the fact that the size

of several numbers has been increased and one supplement has been issued. The following officers were elected: President, Percival Wilds, 1902; vice-president, F. J. Bailey, 1901; secretary, James Hovey, 1903; business manager, J. E. Parker, 1901; assistant business manager, J. I. Newton, 1903.

COMMENCEMENT AND THE CENTENNIAL.

The preparations for Commencement and the Centennial are being rapidly matured. Nearly all of the various speakers have been engaged and their names will be announced soon. It is sufficient to say that they will comprise some of the most noted and most able of the Alumni body. The recent Alumni banquets and the enthusiasm there shown, coupled with the assurance of the new Science building and the confident expectation of at least $100,000 more for equipment and endowment before Commencement, have made this truly a jubilee year.

The new library is being rapidly completed. The interior, even in its present disordered state, promises to be what it has been called — the most beautiful room in Vermont. The solid oak side-walls and massive doors are already done, but over $2000 in the way of decorations is yet to be spent upon it. The stack is expected soon. The mantels for the fireplaces have been put in position and they are beautiful samples of imported Irish marble.

On April 3 the Trustees met here and decided upon many details concerning the coming celebration and the building of the Warner Science Hall. A committee composed of President Brainerd, J. W. Stewart, Rufus Wainwright, John A. Mead and Professor Howard were appointed to have in charge the erecting of the new building. A front elevation was presented, but no decision was made.

Perhaps the great event of the Commencement week promises to be the Roman Drama, and elaborate preparations have already been made for it. The Drama itself will be substantially the same as last year, though some revisions will be made and more of the spectacular will be introduced. Rehearsals will be begun at the beginning of the term. To properly present it the trustees at this meeting voted to erect upon the campus a temporary structure. The building will be about 60 by 130 feet and of one story. The seats will be arranged on an inclined plane facing the stage which will be in one end and behind it the dressing rooms. The scenery of last year will be used as a back ground, supplemented, however, by new work by Mr. Witham. The situation of this building will probably be either between the Chapel and Starr Hall or at rear of the latter. It is planned also to use it on the following day for the Centennial banquet. One thousand dollars will be expended for the erection of this building and the equipments for the presentation of the play.

The Class of 1900 are making elaborate preparation for their part of the program, especially for the class day exercises on Monday. There will probably be a more extended and varied program than heretofore. One of its features will be the planting of an ivy on the new library building with the usual ivy exercises. A platform will be erected and seats for the spectators provided. An orchestra will furnish music. The class has elected the following additional officers for class day: Ivy orator, T. A. Carlson; "Statistician," Miss Elizabeth Nichols.

The Commencement concert has not yet been fully arranged for, but the class will probably present the best musical talent ever heard in this vicinity. No expense will be spared to do so.

The Centennial ball also promises to be the largest and most brilliant ever seen here. From the nature of the occasion it could hardly be otherwise. Some interesting innovations concerning it will probably be made public soon.

An executive committee composed of S. B. Botsford, A. E. Batchelder, Guy B. Horton, Miss Rena Bisbee and Miss Alice Smith have the various Commencement arrangements in charge. There are also a number of sub-committees.

The College is planning to have the General Catalog completed and ready for distribution by or even before Commencement. Professor Howard and Doctor Prentiss are hard at work upon it and have been for several months. This catalog will be much more comprehensive than previous issues; the biographical sketches will be much fuller and more accurate and the non-graduates will also be included. This will make it the best arranged and most complete of any General College Catalog yet published. In connection with this an endeavor is being made to obtain photographs of all the graduates. A large number have been sent in and it is hoped that every Alumnus will honor this request from his Alma Mater.

Every indication points to the presence of an overwhelming number of Alumni and friends next July. Many of them will remain throughout the week The question of the proper accommodation of these presents a serious difficulty to the authorities as the hotels have nearly all their rooms spoken for already Plans are, however, being considered by the Faculty Committee on Entertainment and it is hoped to solve the difficulty satisfactorily. The Committee will gladly assist any one, but arrangements should be made at once. Taken all in all Middlebury will have a great Commencement; everybody intends to be here. The College was never in better shape to receive her guests and will entertain them royally.

LOCALS.

Professor Wright lectured in Castleton February 5.

All college exercises were omitted Washington's birthday.

Surveying has been put into the curriculum as an elective for Seniors and Juniors.

G. R. Drake, 1902, was called home recently by the illness and death of his brother.

The Freshmen were entertained on the evening of March 16 by the lady members of the class.

A. E. Batchelder, 1900, has moved up to the College and E. C. Lawrence, 1901, has taken his place at Dr. Eddy's.

The Seniors were required to hand in the first draft of their Commencement orations before March 20.

The ladies of Pi Beta Phi entertained the gentlemen of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity with dancing on the evening of March 2.

As a result of the grading for the new library the three tennis courts have been destroyed. They will probably be relocated back of Starr Hall.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the Alumni-College baseball game which will take place on Monday afternoon of Commencement week.

Owing to illness Professor Wright was obliged to omit some of his recitations the latter part of the term. He held the examination in "Old English" at his house.

Considerable criticism has been overheard that no one of the faculty represented the College at the funeral of our best known graduate, the late E. J. Phelps, '40.

After the first forms of this issue had gone to press news was received of the death of George Dana, '48, which occurred in California March 27. A full sketch of his life will appear later.

The members of Delta Upsilon Fraternity entertained some seventy guests at their hall Friday evening, March 9. Professor and Mrs. McGilton were present as patrons.

The spring vacation has been lengthened so as to end April 16 instead of April 11, as given in the calendar. This was done in order to give the students the privilege of spending Easter at home.

Guy B. Horton, 1900, attended the banquet of the Chi Psi Alumni Association of Northern and Eastern New York at the Hotel Ten Eyck, Albany, March 2. Many distinguished men were present and Governor Roosevelt extended greeting to the assembly.

The Seniors have spent several "literary evenings" with Professor Wright this term. The work of William Morris was the principal topic. As a token of their appreciation, the class presented Professor Wright with two Roycroft books on the final evening.

President Murkland, '81, of the New Hampshire State College gave an interesting lecture with views on the evening of February 28 in the college chapel. The lecture was entitled "Colorado and the West" and was an account of his trip through that region.

The following extract from the charter of the college may be of interest, especially to the young men of the student body: "The persons of the tutors, students and such and so many of the servants of said college, as give their constant attendance on the business of it, shall be freed and exempted from all rates, taxes, military service, working at highways, or other such like duties and services."

The class in elective botany have been making bacteriological investigations of the village water supply. The results of their work show from one thousand to seven thousand bacteria in each cubic centimeter of the water from the village system. Water taken from the Pasteur filter which supplies the drinking water for the college averaged only about twenty to the cubic centimeter and these were mostly of one kind.

HERE AND THERE.

Tuft's College has established an "employment bureau" for its graduates. Its work is similar to the teachers' agencies.

Daily papers are issued by Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Cornell, Brown, Michigan, Wisconsin, California and Leland Stanford.

The faculty of Iowa College has decided to give the editor of the college paper three hours credit, and the local and athletic editors each one hour credit.

"It is now our opportunity to return the kind wishes of THE UNDERGRADUATE by congratulating Middlebury College upon her gift of a new Science Hall."—*The Reveille.*

The college journals of New York State have organized an Intercollegiate Press Association. Articles of interest to college journalists are to appear in the various periodicals as assigned by the president of the association.

No college charges its students for tuition anywhere near what it costs. It is probably not over fifty per cent in any college, while in many it ranges from thirty per cent of the cost down to nothing. At Harvard the annual cost to the university for each student over and above the fees he pays is $305. At Yale the expense is $231; at Brown, $210; at Princeton, $250; at Amherst, $175, and at Columbia, $1400.

President Eliot of Harvard in his recent annual report discusses at some length the question of obtaining the degree of A. B. in three years. He shows by means of statistics and comparisons that any young man of fair abilities can now procure the degree in three years without hurry and overwork. This is proved by the fact that at present nearly two-fifths of the whole number of students are credited in three years with the sixteen, and in some cases more courses in which on certain conditions the degree of A. B. may be obtained.

For the first time "Songs of All the Colleges" have been brought together and published under the above title. The book contains some 200 songs representing all of the leading colleges and universities, and is brought out by the well-known firm of Hinds & Noble of New York.

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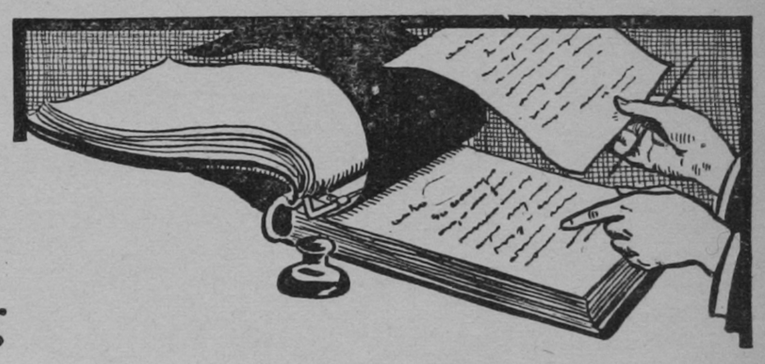

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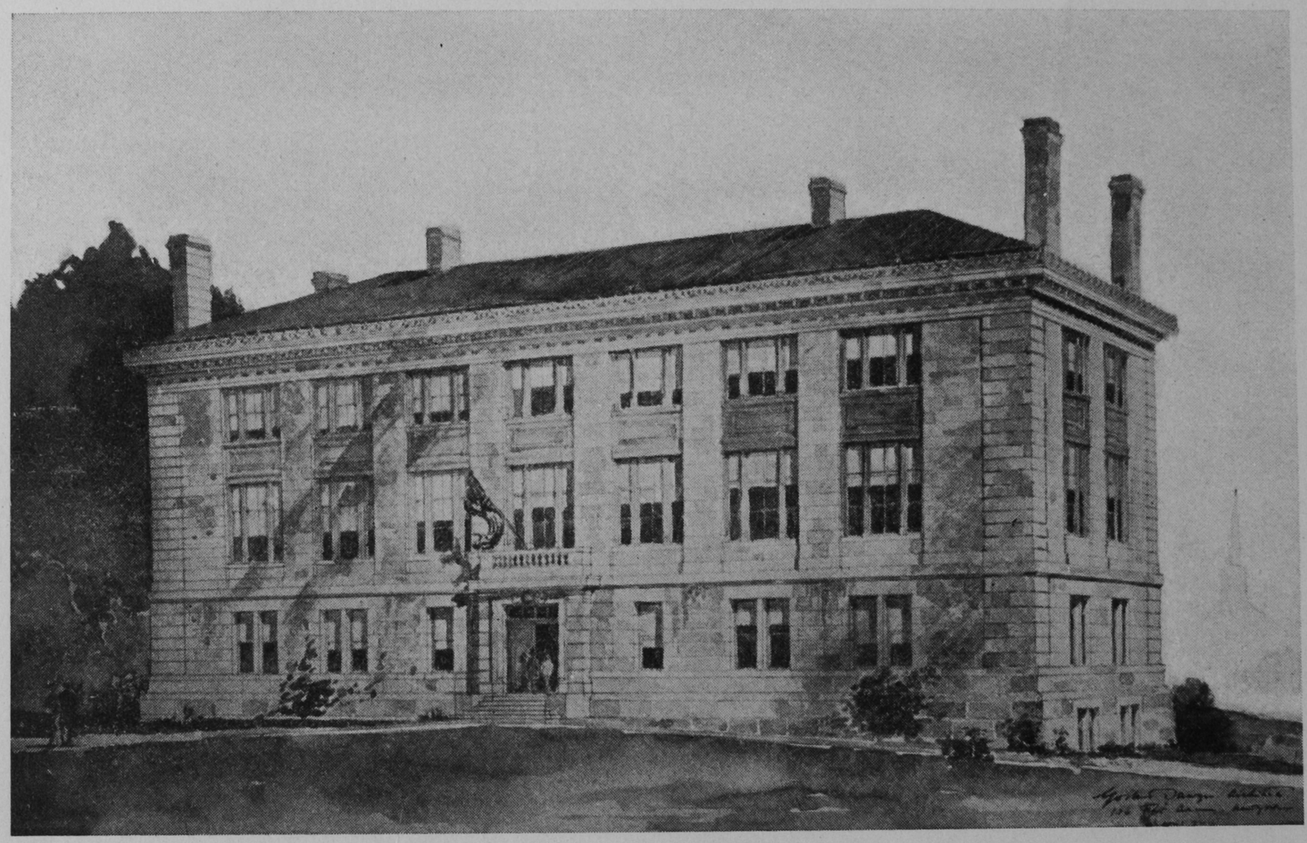

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